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DR. WILSON REPORTS CONDITION

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 18.—I visited Mr. Moore and family at "Quaker-acre," today, and found Mr. Moore in a serious condition, and suffering from heart trouble. He has not lain down or slept for ten days, and was in a feeble condition, but under a broomstick, was resting easy at time of my visit.

Our old leader, I fear, is nearing the end of the journey of life—a journey fraught with many varied and remarkable changes. He may live on for a good while yet, but the nature of his trouble is such that a sudden call, may be expected at any time. He told me to state the case just as it is, as he had no fears of death, and seeing the statement in the Blade would not excite or affect him in any way. I was not aware that he was sick until I saw an associated press dispatch stating his serious illness. At Lexington, there was general inquiry and interest. Newspaper reporters were busy obtaining a sketch of his life, and his photograph. The Louisville Courier-Journal telegraphed to its Lexington representative for a complete history and a photo, that it might have it in advance. Some years ago when I was in Louisville with the Defense Committee, I called on the Editor of the Courier-Journal, to make a statement of Mr. Moore's case, and the newspaper editor at that time would not do it to me, and said he would not do it with a paper with mention of Mr. Moore in the Blue Grass Blade.

At Lexington, there has been a change of opinion. The Blade is in harmony with the sentiment. While it does not approve in Mr. Moore's radicalism, or in his methods, it recognizes the truth and trend, and since they are with him in sentiment, and were it to their financial interests, they would be with him in action.

Also, the whole neighborhood were showing a kindly solicitude for him, and neighbors were coming in to visit, and the phone was warm with inquiries. My impressions are that even good Christian neighbors, are not shocked at Mr. Moore's views, and do not entertain any such idea that he is doomed to eternal damnation. I was glad to see this kindly solicitude from the press, and from all classes. It proves a secret undercurrent of respect for Liberalism, which only comes to the surface at such times as this.

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I hope that Mr. Moore will be spared to us. We have grown so used to him, that he has become a fixed quantity, and it does not seem possible that he should die and leave us, but his disease is treacherous, and that he is on the decline is evident, besides age is against him. He has been a strenuous life for a good many years, and the wounds of humanity have borne heavy upon him; and he who assumes to bear a large part of the weight and burdens of the world, must expect to have an increase of heart-beats, which in time wearies that patient organ, and finally, it suddenly ceases to respond. Mr. Moore understands this, and said to me that he was more than anxious to go if he is to suffer as he has been, and that he has absolutely no fear or concern in the change of nature.

I have advised him to cease writing on all salable questions, invite no excitement, and give him the chance, and rest mentally and physically. I am sure that after this notice goes out to his friends, he will have all

he can do to read the pleasant letters that will be pouring in on him, and after all, there is no other him to the tired world-weary heart like that of "Human Affection," and I am sure that our Grand Old Leader commands his full share without having to claim it.

J. H. W.

DR. WILSON VISITS QUAKERACRE

Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 18, 65.
Dear Bro. Moore,

I will be over to see Jim Sunday and my book, and want to run down and see you and Mrs. Moore.

It is only a few times in life we will get to meet and see each other, and I feel that we should embrace every opportunity. The years will not be many before our meetings will be no more, and I am sure that will be a sad day to both of us. So, I am anxious to see you and all your family. Mrs. Wilson and I have been intending to come over all summer, but every Sunday I have had patients that I could not leave. She cannot come this time. I suppose Jim will go with me—at least, I will urge him to write you before hand, so that you won't be off to church.

Sincerely yours,
J. B. WILSON.

On Sunday, October 15, a beautiful and delightful day, the Doctor and Mr. Hughes came to see me, and found me perfectly relieved by a hypodermic injection of strychnine and morphine, from an attack of cardiac asthma, from which I had suffered for a week, and from which it seemed to me that I was almost impossible that I could ever recover.

The disease was, or is, principally of the heart which is hereditary, and on Monday morning, October 16, that I write this I still feel relieved and have had a night's rest, although I am still weak.

As well. The Blade is in harmony with the sentiment. While it does not approve in Mr. Moore's radicalism, or in his methods, it recognizes the truth and trend, and since they are with him in sentiment, and were it to their financial interests, they would be with him in action.

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Dr. Wilson and his wife and daughter and Mr. Hughes and his wife and son—his son being named for my son—are to spend the day with us, Sunday, October 25th; so that I will not go to church on that day.

FAIRBANKS TALKS ON VALUE OF PRAYER.

He Shows its Efficacy with cases of Several of Our War Presidents.

Northampton, Pa., Sept. 10.—Vice President Fairbanks, while staying at the Fairbanks, with Congressman Butler and Prof. Phillips, with whom he came over in an automobile from Washington, on an invitation by the Rev. Herbert Bart, made an address in Washington Memorial Episcopal Church.

He took for his theme the value of prayer and pointed to the recognition of its efficacy by Washington, Lincoln and McKinley during the wars of that time. He said that this is distinctively a Christian nation and for this reason it is appropriate that a memorial chapel should be erected on this sacred spot. His remarks while in progress were replete with patriotic feeling. It was the Vice-President's first visit to the historic camp grounds.

My impressions of Washington are those of Domestie Thompson, who was a teacher, 30 years old when Lincoln died. He had given his impressions of Washington from his father, who was Washington's wine merchant.

I do not think Washington was a praying man. He cursed Lord Howe, and Lee, and was greatly assisted by those who oppose the tenets of the Christian faith.

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CHARLES C. MOORE

FAMOUS EDITOR AND INFIDEL IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

Charles C. Moore, editor of the Blue Grass Blade, who advertises himself to the world as "The Heathen Editor," is said to be in a serious condition and that his friends, as well as the members of his family, are alarmed over his health. He is suffering from a joint attack of heart trouble and sickness.

The reports received from the sick man say that he has been unable to lie down for more than 10 days and is compelled to take what sleep he can get sitting upright in a chair. He has been suffering from this attack for 30 days, but will not give up or admit that he is in such a serious condition. Dr. Coffman, of Georgetown, is attending him and the reports state that he is a very sick man, although the past few days have brought some slight improvement.

The son of Mr. Moore, Brent Moore, has been advised not to go to school, as he had contemplated because of the seriousness of his father's condition.

Mr. Moore had made himself a national character because of his peculiar ideas concerning religion and prohibition. His paper, "The Blue Grass Blade," is an infidel weekly, and circulates among those who believe in prohibition as a political issue as well as those who oppose the tenets of the Christian faith.

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